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The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. TW-B204  
Washington, D.C. 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**RE: WC Docket No. 02-384: Application of Verizon for Authorization Under Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In-Region InterLATA Service in Washington, D.C.**

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to express my support for Verizon Washington, DC Inc.'s application to offer long distance service in the District of Columbia.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia has found that Verizon DC meets the requirements for the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") approval and supports Verizon DC's application to offer long distance in the District of Columbia.

I encourage the FCC to endorse Verizon's application, thus allowing all consumers in the District of Columbia to benefit from increased choice and competition.

Thank you for your consideration of this application,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony A. Williams".

**Anthony A. Williams**

For the Secretary's Office  
- Mr. ADAMS

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